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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES THE DUE DATE FOR RESPONSES TO THE COMMISSION'S 2023 INCARCERATED PEOPLE'S COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES MANDATORY DATA COLLECTION

WC Docket Nos. 23-62, 12-375

Responses due: October 31, 2023

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB) announces that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the Commission's 2023 Mandatory Data Collection in the Incarcerated People's Communications Services (IPCS) proceeding, and announces that IPCS providers' responses to the data collection are due October 31, 2023.

In the *2023 IPCS Order*, the Commission directed WCB and the Office of Economics and Analytics (OEA) (collectively, WCB/OEA) to "update and restructure" the Third Mandatory Data Collection "as appropriate in light of the requirements of the [Martha Wright Reed Just and Reasonable Communications Act of 2022]."¹ After seeking public comment,² WCB/OEA issued an order adopting instructions, a reporting template, and a certification form for the data collection.³ The Commission sought OMB review of the collection under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), and OMB approved the collection on September 11, 2023.⁴

In the *2023 IPCS Mandatory Data Collection Order*, WCB/OEA specified that IPCS providers' responses to the data collection would be due on October 31, 2023, 97 days after the release of the *2023 IPCS Mandatory Data Collection Order*, "unless PRA authority for this collection is not granted prior to

¹ *Incarcerated People's Communications Services; Implementation of the Martha Wright-Reed Act; Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services*, WC Docket Nos. 23-62, 12-375, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order, FCC 23-19, at 2, 33, paras. 2, 84 (2023) (*2023 IPCS Notice* or *2023 IPCS Order*) (delegating authority to WCB and OEA to revise the Commission's existing data collection); *see also* Martha Wright-Reed Just and Reasonable Communications Act of 2022, Pub. L. No. 117-338, 136 Stat. 6156; 47 U.S.C. §§ 152(b), 153(1)(E), 276(b)(1)(A), (d).

² *WCB and OEA Seek Comment on Proposed 2023 Mandatory Data Collection for Incarcerated People's Communication Services*, WC Docket Nos. 23-62, 12-375, Public Notice, DA 23-355 (WCB/OEA Apr. 28, 2023) (*2023 IPCS Mandatory Data Collection Public Notice* or *Public Notice*).

³ *Incarcerated People's Communications Services; Implementation of the Martha Wright-Reed Act; Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services*, WC Docket Nos. 23-62, 12-375, Order, DA 23-638 (WCB/OEA July 26, 2023) (*2023 IPCS Mandatory Data Collection Order*). The reporting template consists of a Word document and Excel spreadsheets.

⁴ *See* Notice of Office of Management and Budget Action for New Collection OMB Control No. 3060-1314 (approved Sept. 11, 2023).

then.”⁵ Because OMB approved the collection on September 11, 2023, IPCS providers’ data collection responses are due by October 31, 2023.

We remind IPCS providers that an officer must certify, under penalty of perjury, that “all statements and information contained in [the provider’s] Mandatory Data Collection response are true, accurate, and complete.”⁶ All required data must be submitted using the reporting template provided by the Commission, and in a machine-readable and manipulable format. The instructions, reporting template, and certification form for the data collection are available at the following hyperlink: <https://www.fcc.gov/2023-ipcs-mandatory-data-collection>.

For additional information regarding this matter, please contact Simon Solemani, Wireline Competition Bureau, Pricing Policy Division, at (202) 418-2270 or Simon.Solemani@fcc.gov. Please copy mandatorydatacollection@fcc.gov on any related email correspondence.

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⁵ 2023 IPCS Mandatory Data Collection Order at 23, para. 56.

⁶ FCC, *Incarcerated People’s Communications Services; Implementation of the Martha Wright-Reed Act; Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services, 2023 IPCS Mandatory Data Collection*, Appendix A, <https://www.fcc.gov/document/2023-ipcs-mdc-instructions>.